(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the officials and the reasons for such rejection;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the AJTs are not meeting our qualitative requirements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Various options for acquisition of an Advanced Jet Trainer are still under examination by the Indian Air Force.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Hovercraft to the Army for Patrolling Lake in Ladakh

1078. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the army has been requesting for a hovercraft to patrol the lake in Ladakh for countering Chinese presence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government are going to provide them with the hovercraft?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Test Firing of Anti-Tank Missile Nag

1079. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "Nag" anti-tank missile was test fired on September 2, 2001, from Balasore test range;

(b) if so, the success achieved therein; and